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COMMAND HISTORY
USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981)
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

01 JAN Moored at Naval Station, Charleston, S.C., CDR J. M. Arrison III, USN, in command.

05 JAN Underway for independent steaming exercise Charleston operating area, Western Atlantic.

07 JAN Moored at Charleston, S.C.

11 FEB Underway for deployment to Middle East Force in company with USS John Rodgers (DD 983)

23 FEB Moored at Rota, Spain for port visit.

26 FEB Underway for passage through strait of Gibraltar and Mediterranean sea enroute to Suez Canal.

02 MAR Anchored Port Said, Egypt.

03 MAR Underway, transited Suez Canal.

15 MAR Moored Sitra, Bahrain for refueling.

15 MAR Underway for radar picket station operations in the Persian Gulf.

23 MAR Anchored Sitra, Bahrain to take on provisions.

23 MAR Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

25 MAR Anchored Sitra Bahrain for refueling.

25 MAR Underway for Mogadiscio, Somalia.

03 APR Moored at Mogadiscio, Somalia for port visit.

05 APR Underway for transit to Mombasa, Kenya.

05 APR Crossed the equator, a first for the ship.

06 APR Moored at Mombasa, Kenya for port visit.

10 APR Underway for transit to Sitra, Bahrain.

17 APR Moored at Sitra, Bahrain for refueling.

18 APR Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

21 APR Moored at Abu Dhabi for port visit.

23 APR Underway for transit to Manama, Bahrain.

Enclosure (1)

24 APR Moored at Manama, Bahrain for restricted availability.

02 MAY Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

11 MAY Anchored at Sitra, Bahrain for refueling.

13 MAY Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

16 MAY Moored at Damman, Saudi Arabia for port visit.

18 MAY Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

26 MAY Moored at Sitra, Bahrain for refueling.

27 MAY Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

05 JUN Anchored at Sitra, Bahrain for refueling.

06 JUN Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

16 JUN Anchored at Sitra, Bahrain for refueling.

16 JUN Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

23 JUN Moored at Manama, Bahrain for restricted availability.

01 JUL Underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations.

03 JUL Departed Persian Gulf in transit to Port Suez, Egypt.

09 JUL Anchored at Port Suez, Egypt.

10 JUL Underway for northbound transit of Suez Canal and passage to Malaga, Spain.

16 JUL Moored at Malaga Spain for port visit.

19 JUL Underway for transit to Charleston, South Carolina.

28 JUL Moored at Charleston, South Carolina concluding a 169 day deployment.

12 OCT Underway for independent exercises in Charleston operating area.

13 OCT Moored at Charleston, S.C.

18 OCT Underway for Board of Inspection and Survey Sea Trials.

19 OCT Moored at Charleston, S.C.

08 NOV Underway for independent exercises in Charleston operating area.

11 NOV Moored at Charleston, S.C.

14 DEC Underway for Naval Weapons Stations, Charleston, S.C. for ammunition
offload.

15 DEC Moored at Charleston, S.C.

31 DEC Moored at Charleston, S.C.

COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE 1982

John Hancock began 1982 moored at Charleston, South Carolina with Commander James M. Arrison III, in command. On the fifth the ship got underway for sea trials to check all systems prior to the next months deployment, the ship moored at Charleston January seventh. **John Hancock** deployed to the Middle East Force on February eleventh. While enroute to the Persian Gulf the ship moored at Rota, Spain for a port visit on January twenty third. On February twenty sixth the ship left Rota, Spain and passed through the strait of Gibraltar while enroute to Port Said, Egypt. **John Hancock** anchored at Port Said on March second and got underway the next morning for the ship's first transit of the Suez Canal. The ship entered the Persian Gulf on March tenth, "inchopped" to the Middle East Force and assumed patrol duties in the Persian Gulf at a radar picket station north of the emirate of Bahrain all the while maintaining a tactical data link with USAF "AWACS" planes on patrol in Saudi Arabia.

John Hancock moored at Sitra, Bahrain on the fifteenth of March for refueling and got underway the same day to resume radar picket station operations. The ship anchored on the twenty-third and twenty-fifth of March for similar one day refueling visits. **John Hancock** exited the Persian Gulf on March twenty-sixth while enroute to two African port visits. On April third the ship moored at Mogadiscio, Somalia for a port visit. Underway again on the fifth the ship crossed the equator for the first time while enroute to Kenya. **John Hancock** moored at Mombasa, Kenya on April sixth for a port visit, the ship got underway on April tenth for a transit back to the Persian Gulf. The ship returned to a mooring at Sitra, Bahrain on seventeen April for refueling and got underway the next morning for radar picket station operations in the Persian Gulf.

John Hancock moored at Abu Dhabi for a port visit on April twenty first and left on April twenty third for a one day transit back to Bahrain. The ship moored at Manama, Bahrain on April twenty fourth for a maintenance availability and resumed radar picket station patrol operations on May second. **John Hancock** anchored at Sitra, Bahrain for refueling on May eleventh and remained at anchorage until May thirteenth when the ship got underway for Persian Gulf radar picket station operations. The ship moored at Damman, Saudi Arabia on May sixteenth for a port visit. The highlight of this visit was a lunch onboard the ship which hosted the Emir of the Northeastern province. **John Hancock** got underway for radar picket station operations on May eighteenth which continued until June twenty third. During this period the ship made three one day stops for refueling in Sitra, Bahrain on May twenty sixth and June fifth and sixteenth. **John Hancock** moored at Manama, Bahrain on June twenty third for a maintenance availability. The ship got underway on July first for radar picket station operations that continued until July third when the ship left the Persian Gulf and began a transit back to Charleston. **John Hancock** anchored at Port Suez, Egypt on July ninth and made a northbound transit of the Suez Canal the next day. On July sixteenth the ship moored at Malaga, Spain for a port visit. Underway again on the nineteenth the ship began the last leg of its journey home to Charleston, South Carolina and transited the strait of Gibraltar. **John Hancock** concluded a highly successful deployment on July twenty eighth when the ship moored at Charleston one hundred sixty nine days after it left in February.

After a stand down and upkeep period **John Hancock** got underway for independent exercises and sea trials in the Charleston operating area on October twelfth, the ship moored at Charleston, S.C. The ship went to sea again on October eighteenth to demonstrate systems performance during the underway portion of a Board of Inspection and Survey inspection of the ship with Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX embarked. **John Hancock** returned to Charleston the next day. The ship got underway on November eighth for antisubmarine warfare exercises in the Charleston operating area and returned to moor at Charleston on November eleventh.

Enclosure (2)

John Hancock got underway for the last underway period of the year on December fourteenth when the ship transited the Cooper River to the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston for ammunition offload. **John Hancock** moored at Naval Station, Charleston, S.C. after transiting down the Cooper River following the completion of ammunition offload. The ship remained in Charleston for the rest of the year with Commander James M. Arrison III, still in command.